

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal comprising:

an input device receiving prepaid card identification indicia, in a form different from a credit card number, from a prepaid card issued to a customer by a prepaid card issuer when said prepaid card is presented in payment by said customer, said prepaid card issuer having a credit card account identified by a credit card number; and

a processor, identifying said credit card number by using said prepaid card identification indicia, said credit card number being different from said prepaid card identification indicia, and communicating said credit card number to a credit card server which processes a credit card transaction, charging said payment to said credit card account.

12. (Original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said input device is a card reader.

13. (Original) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said input device is a keyboard.

14. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said processor verifies validity of said prepaid card identification indicia prior to processing said credit card transaction.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and also comprising a communicator, communicating said prepaid card identification indicia to a remote server to determine validity of said prepaid card.

17. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said remote server communicates information regarding a balance remaining on said prepaid card, via said communicator, to said terminal.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and also comprising a storage device for storing said credit card number.

20. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said point of sale terminal receives, from a remote server, said credit card number.

21-22. (Cancelled)

23. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said point of sale terminal transmits information to a credit card transaction clearinghouse, said information including said credit card number.

24. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said credit card account is associated with a plurality of said prepaid cards.

25. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said processor enables said credit card number to be accessed at said point of sale terminal using said prepaid card identification indicia.

26. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 11 and wherein said processor enables said credit card number to be identified at said point of sale terminal by accessing a lookup table based on said prepaid card identification indicia.

27. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said credit card number is stored at said remote server.

28. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said processor enables said credit card number to be accessed at said remote server using said prepaid card identification indicia.

29. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said processor identifies said credit card number by sending said prepaid card identification indicia to a remote server which includes a lookup table.

30. (Previously Presented) A point of sale terminal according to claim 16 and wherein said validity of said prepaid card relates to balance information.